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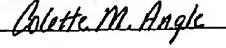
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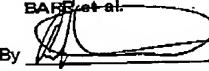
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## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

These comments relate to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance, mailed November 1, 2004.

## COMMENTS

Applicants agree with the Office's conclusion that the allowed claims are patentable. However, Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the reasons for allowance as set forth in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the allowed claims are allowable at least because the prior art does not anticipate, teach, suggest, or render obvious the invention as claimed. Independent of how the invention is paraphrased in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the patentability of claims stems from the respective combinations of elements defined by the claims, each viewed as a whole, rather than the presence of any particular elements in those combinations. Applicant thus relies on the claims, as drafted, without any limitations which may follow from the characterization of the claims in the Examiner's statement.

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